(b) As reported the minimum wages being paid by these States in scarcity relief works are given as under:

(Amounts in Rupees)

| Sl. No. | States | Rate of Minimum Wages in Scarcity of Relife Works |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gujarat | 42.50 |
| 2. | Rajasthan | 60.00 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh* | 80.00 |
| 4. | Bihar | 58.64 |
| 5. | Uttar Pradesh | 58.00 |

* Minimum wage rate varies from district to district. Rs. 80.00 is average wage rate for the State as a whole.

(c) The two rates are differing only in the case of Gujarat. According to the State Government, lower wage rate in the drought affected districts are fixed by the Collectors as per provision to provide wage employment for maximum number of people for maximum working days while providing relief works.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the State Government which has agreed to rectify the anomaly.

**Mandays of employment created**

4935. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of mandays per month per labourer generated during the period from 01-01-2002 to 28-02-2003 by the Centre and by each State;

(b) whether Government are planning to ensure at least 100 mandays of work in a year for each day labourer (both ordinary and expert labourer);

(c) if so, the plans to be undertaken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) Under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar

Yojana (SGRY), the number of mandays generated per month per labourer is not monitored by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Roads connecting villages in Uttar Pradesh**

4936. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to connect the roads of rural areas to the main cities in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by when it would be done;

(c) the total length of roads in Kms. in the State proposed to be constructed by the Government during the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the total amount likely to be spent thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) and (b) Government have launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in December, 2000 with a view to giving connectivity in the form of an All-whether road providing an outlet to a market centre, taluka headquarter, block headquarter or main roads. About 1.60 lakh eligible Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas are expected to be covered in such a way that Unconnected Habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above are to be covered in three years and all Unconnected Habitations with a population of 500 persons and above by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007).

(c) and(d) The total length of the roads to be constructed is determined from year to year on the basis of budgetary allocation. For 2003-04, an allocation of Rs. 315 crores has been made for UP out of the total annual allocation under PMGSY. The State Government is proposing to take up about 4450 Kms. of roads.

**BPL persons**

†4937. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.